

A Word!

The DEMOCRAT is arranging for an equitable and strictly fair

Voting Contest

to begin in the near future. Particulars and plans will be announced in two or three weeks Watch for it.

You may call him a "rube," or a "hayseed" or a "yap," but the farmer is nevertheless the biggest man in the country. He could buy all the national banks pay the national debt, purchase both the steel combine and the Standard Oil trust and put Wall street out of business out of the products of his own honest toil, and still have a billion dollars left for pocket change. To sum up in a sentence, the farmer, by whatever name he may be called, is the most important class in the United States and he has a right to grow chesty at the showing he makes.—Boone Co (Ky) Recorder.

Green Potatoes.

Potatoes that are allowed to lie in the sun become green, as all of our readers that have grown potatoes know. It has been thought by some that these potatoes are not fit for planting any more than they are fit for food. But this is a mistake. They are not fit for food for the reason that they are both strong and bitter and for the additional reason that there have been elaborated in

them some kinds of compounds that are thought not to be good for the health. But the green matter in the potato is not what makes it bad for the stomach as it is only colorophyll that is found in all green leaves. The potato is even better for planting than before, and some potato planters expose their tubers to the sun to have them turn green, as this hastens the growth of the shoots from the potato. They can thus be planted to advantage.—Farmers' Review.

Some Opinions About Women.

From the Liverpool Post.

A man never so beautifully shows his own strength as when he respects a woman's weakness.—Douglas Jerrold.

They govern the world, these sweet-voiced women, because beauty and harmony are the index of a larger fact than wisdom.—O. W. Holmes.

The best thing I know of is a first-rate wife. And the next best thing is a second-rate one.—Josh Billings.

All women are good—good for something or good for nothing.—Cervantes.

Unhappy is the man to whom his own mother has not made all other mothers venerable.—Richter.

A beautiful woman is the only tyrant man is not authorized to resist.—Victor Hugo.

A good book and good woman are excellent things for those who know how to appreciate their value. There are men, however, who judge of both by the beauty of the covering.—Dr. Johnson.

What is woman? Only one of nature's agreeable blunders.—Bulwer.

If woman lost us Paradise, she alone can restore it.—J. G. Whittier.

A beautiful woman is a practical poem, planting tenderness, hope and eloquence in all whom she approaches.—Emerson.

Judge R. N. Sharp was in the city Monday shaking hands with his many friends. The Judge is just recovering from a severe spell of sickness from which it was thought for weeks that he could not recover. Until recently he has been making his home in Kansas City.—Palmyra Spectator.

The Marion county court will make a trip over the county every month or six weeks to personally inspect the work of the road overseers.

A Strong Endorsement.

Many inquiries have reached this office as to the merits of "The New International Encyclopedia." We have here at last an encyclopedia of truly international scope, yet written from the American point of view and for the American people. It bears on every page the mark of painstaking care and expert knowledge, while it is written throughout in language suited to the uses of the average reader. In the number of subjects treated, especially of present day interest, it has a strong claim upon the favor of the general public. It is copiously and usefully illustrated.

The editors of this monumental work are Daniel Coit Gilman of Johns Hopkins and Carnegie Institute, Harry Thurston Peck of Columbia University, and Frank Moore Colby of New York University. They have had the assistance of several hundred specialists from all parts of the country and from every department of knowledge. It is not necessary to name any of them here, though many have national reputations and not a few hail from western institutions.

The editors have chosen to follow more closely the plan of the famous "Conversations-Lexikon" of Brockhaus than that of the Encyclopedia Britannica. The articles are unsigned, having been worked over by various editors to insure accuracy and non-partisanship. I am convinced that this has added much both to the readability and to the compactness of the text. It has secured the expert knowledge of the contributor while eliminating his tendency to become too technical or too one-sided. The success of the editors in sticking to facts and in cramming an enormous number of them into each page, is among the chiefest of their triumphs.

The work is as easy to use as a dictionary. This fact, coupled with the accuracy of the text and its freedom from needless technicalities, constitutes the strongest reason for recommending it to the general public. I have no doubt that the critic's microscope will reveal some flaws and errors, but I believe they will be exceptionally few for a new work. The compilers have gone about their task with an equipment of experience and savoir faire that has borne good results.

"The New International Encyclopedia" is in no sense a revision of the old "International Cyclopaedia." It has been planned and executed as a wholly independent undertaking, and the editors have devoted four years to the labor of compilation. They have sought to make it more comprehensive than any other, while embodying in it the good points of all its predecessors in Europe or America. A multitude of absolutely new interests in almost every department of human activity has called for treatment. The latest changes and discoveries in Geography are handled with especial fullness and are admirably supplemented with good maps. The work is strong in the departments of biology, botany, education, psychology, mechanical arts, military and naval science, sociology and biography. In the number of its biographies this encyclopedia is without a rival. It includes a large number of men and women and the facts are brought

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The editors are to be congratulated upon their success in avoiding the dry-as-dust style of the proverbial encyclopedia. The volumes are remarkably easy to read, with short, crisp, sentences full of verbal vitality. They are also to be felicitated upon their excellent sense of the relative values of subjects as shown in the length or brevity of the various articles. Finally a word must be said on behalf of the illustrations, the value of which may be gathered from the fact that there are more than seven hundred separate pages of pictures, many of them in colors, and about two hundred specially engraved maps.

The work is in every respect worthy the attention of the American public.—The Chicago Record-Herald

The wire rope is generally considered a modern invention, but a photograph in the possession of a St. Louis firm shows that it is really a rediscovered lost art. The photograph is of a piece of bronze wire rope nearly fifteen feet long and about one inch in circumference, which has been brought to light by excavations at Pompeii. The rope, which is now in the Museo Borbonico at Naples, consists of three strands laid spirally together, each strand being made up of fifteen wires twisted together, and its construction does not therefore differ greatly from that of wire ropes made today. Pompeii was buried 1800 years ago. How long wire ropes had been known then it is impossible to tell, but experts say that judging from the knowledge shown in the construction of the piece found, it had been known for a considerable time.—Republic.

A Slow Train.

"How did it happen that Swen Swenson had to walk to market? I thought he was coming with his cattle."

"He started with them, but got so tired of riding in the caboose he thought he would get out and walk a while. He says he'll never do it again, for he expects half of his cattle to be down when they get in."—Walter P. Neff.

Cookery For Outdoors and Indoors.

Summer picnickers and garden party hostesses may turn to the July Delineator for novel and attractive ideas. Many forms of outdoor festivities are therein set forth, in addition to innumerable suggestions of domestic value. A vegetarian breakfast, illustrated, will appeal to a large class, while of general culinary interest are the recipes for Summer fruit and for dainty dish from veal. An article on insect pests will be of great service at this season.

Misses Jessie Priest, Leta and Ula Dimmitt of Shelbyville passed through the city Thursday from Fayette where they had been visiting.

"How to keep chickens out of the garden—fry them," says the Jack Potman of the St. Joseph News and Press. Yes, and get roasted for it if they happen to be your neighbor's chickens.

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